(d) Does not arise.

University entry scheme

1922. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a university entry scheme to attract additional technical people into the Army Commissioned Service; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Government have approved, in July 1992, a University Entry Scheme for induction of Engineering students in their Final Year/pre-Final Year, into the Army. The Scheme will be in operation, initially, for a period of three years.

Engineering students of various disciplines studying in the final/pre-final years in recognised Universities/Institutions will be eligible for induction into the Technical Arms/Services of the Army under this Scheme. Selected candidates will be granted Short Service Commission, on probation, and given stipends at the minimum basic pay of 2nd Lieutenants. This amount, however, will be paid in one lumpsum on their joining the Indian Military Academy, for training. On successful completion of training, they will be granted Permanent Commission in the Army. An intake of 100 officers per year has been planned under this Scheme.

Financial irregularities by Cantonment administration

1923. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Controller of Defence Accounts (Central Command) have pointed out serious financial irregularities and lapses on the part of cantonment administratic by which the collection of revenue of the Central Government has been adversely affected in the course of the last few years;

(b) whether the properties of the Central Government and various land premises have been allowed by such administrative lapses to be taken illegally by encroachers without paying the revenue or credit of revenue on Government accounts;

(c) whether Government have now taken up the audit reports of last one decade for a fair estimation of financial losses and for fixing up the responsibilities on the working of Cantonment administration under the Central Command; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. While encroachments do take place, the Competent Authority takes appropriate action in such cases.

(c) The need has not arisen, in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(d) Does not arise.

Building activities in the Cantonment area of Kanpur

1924. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount of unaccounted money is being invested by some persons on building constructions at various sites and places in the Cantonment area of Kanpur;

(b) whether lands in the area have not been transferred to new parties or persons who are holding the same in the name of benamdars with unaccounted money;

(c) whether the income-tax authorities have conducted any investigation into the on-going construction of buildigs in Kanpur Cantonment area;

(d) whether the authorities could not yet make proper valuation and cost of investments made in the hotel/restaurant building on the periphery of M.G. Park Kanpur Cantt. to examine the extent of un-accounted money; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Government have not received any specific reports.

(c) to (e) An investigation into the construction of a Hotel in Kanpur Cantonment was conducted by the Income Tax authorities. The cost of construction has been determined and the Assessing Officer has initiated the process of assessment. The extent of unaccounted money is yet to be ascertained.

Allotment of land to servants of Children Society at Hapur

1925. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a portion of the Defence Land (Camping Ground) at Hapur, U.P. (about 30 acres) was allotted to an organisation named servants of Children Society in the year 1986;

(b) whether the said organisation had failed to comply with the terms and conditions laid down at the time of allotment;

(c) what was the outstanding amount of the cost of the land and the interest due on it till the end of financial year ending March 31, 1992;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Society has leased out a portion of the land allotted to it for educational purpose to another organisation named Van Chetna Kendra; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to check the profiteering and misuse of the land and to recover Government dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Government sanction was issued in Feb. 1988 for allotment on outright sale basis 30 acres of land of Hapur Camping Ground in U. P. to Servants of Children Society for educational purposes at a cost of Rs. 37,32,532/- (including cost of these barracks). The above amount is payable in ten annual instalments, with initial instalment of Rs. 10,00,000/- with an interest rate of 10 per cent per annum on the reducing balance. There is no breach/failure on the part of the Society in complying with the terms and conditions of allotment. However, there have been delays in payment of annual instalments. The Society had paid Rs. 21,61,188.90 towards the cost and interest till 31.3.1992. An amount of Rs. 21.84 lakhs was outstanding against the principal and Rs. 3,58,365 towards interest on 31.3.92.

About one acre of land is being used free of charge by the Forest Department of the UP Government in collaboration with the college as a 'Van Chetna Kendra' since Sept., 1988 under social forestry scheme.

Defence budget of Pakistan

1926. SHRI KAMAL MORAKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the defence budget of Pakistan and what is the percentage against their GDP in the last three years;

(b) what are the comparable figures in India;

(c) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has been showing a trend of increasing its defence expenditure while the world over the trend is to reduce expenditure on armaments; and